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March 1, 2011

Canyon Fuel Company
Sufco Mine
Attn: Mr. Mike Davis
597 South SR 24
Salina, UT 84654

Dear Mr. Davis;

Thank you for submitting Sufco Mine for consideration by the Utah Board of Oil, Gas and Mining for 2011 Earth Day Awards. The board reviewed nominations during its February 23rd hearing and unfortunately did not select yours for further consideration.

The Board commends Canyon Fuel Company and Sufco Mine for the secondary settlement pond project outlined in your nomination. While your project reflects your desire to be good stewards of our lands, and it will most likely be an improvement to your active mine site, we do not feel that it rises to the level for which we feel recognition with an Earth Day Award warrants.

Last year the Board decided to return to the guiding factors upon which it began the Earth Day Award program some 20 years ago. As originally intended, awards were to be granted in three categories: 1) environmental improvement to an active mine site, exploration site, or producing field; 2) outstanding results following applications of innovative environmental technology; and 3) outstanding final reclamation or site restoration. An essential factor in the consideration for the award is evidence that the nominee voluntarily exceeded regulatory requirements.

Over the years we have received many nominations that demonstrated good citizenship on the part of minerals extraction companies, but did not really fit into those three categories, or did not exceed regulatory requirements. It was the consensus of the Board that this project did not meet those requirements.

Again, thank you for your nomination, and we truly commend you and Canyon Fuel for your continuing efforts to be conscientious representatives of our industry.

Very truly yours,

Douglas E. Johnson
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Canyon Fuel Company
Skyline Mine
Attn: Mr. Gregg Galecki
HC 35 Box 380
Helper, UT 84526

Dear Mr. Galecki;

Thank you for submitting Skyline Mine for consideration by the Utah Board of Oil, Gas and Mining for 2011 Earth Day Awards. The board reviewed nominations during its February 23rd hearing and unfortunately did not select yours for further consideration.

The Board commends Canyon Fuel Company and Skyline Mine for the secondary containment system outlined in your nomination. While the Board recognizes your willingness to address the need for containment with what is probably a more effective, and probably more expensive solution, we do not believe that the containment system is necessarily innovative technology.

Last year the Board decided to return to the guiding factors upon which it began the Earth Day Award program some 20 years ago. As originally intended, awards were to be granted in three categories: 1) environmental improvement to an active mine site, exploration site, or producing field; 2) outstanding results following applications of innovative environmental technology; and 3) outstanding final reclamation or site restoration. An essential factor in the consideration for the award is evidence that the nominee voluntarily exceeded regulatory requirements.

Over the years we have received many nominations that demonstrated good citizenship on the part of minerals extraction companies, but did not really fit into those three categories, or did not exceed regulatory requirements. It was the consensus of the Board that this project did not meet those requirements.

Again, thank you for your nomination, and we truly commend you and Canyon Fuel for your continuing efforts to be conscientious representatives of our industry.

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Mr. Jeremy Taylor
78 North State Street
Sigurd, UT 84657

Dear Mr. Taylor;

Thank you for submitting U.S. Gypsum Co. for consideration by the Utah Board of Oil, Gas and Mining for 2011 Earth Day Awards. The board reviewed nominations during its February 23rd hearing and unfortunately did not select yours for further consideration.

The Board commends U.S. Gypsum for the excellent reclamation being conducted at the Jumbo-Jensen Quarry, and recognizes U.S. Gypsum's dedication to its reclamation efforts, highlighted by our presentation of an Earth Day Award last year for your innovative bump blasting technique; however, in this instance we did not believe your efforts as described at this point in the life of the operation rose to level of being presented an award at this time. The Board felt an essential factor missing was evidence that the work being conducted exceeded regulatory requirements.

Again, thank you for your nomination, and we truly commend U.S. Gypsum for its continuing efforts to be a conscientious representative of our industry.

Very truly yours,

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March 1, 2011

Mr. Allan Smith
1137 Park Ridge Dr.
Roosevelt, UT 84066

Dear Mr. Smith,

Thank you for submitting Newfield Exploration Company for consideration by the Utah Board of Oil, Gas and Mining for 2011 Earth Day Awards. The board reviewed your nomination during its February 23rd hearing and found it to be worthy of further consideration.

We invite a representative for this project to make a formal presentation before the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining during its hearing on March 23, 2011. The hearing will be held in the auditorium of the Utah Department of Natural Resources, 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. Presentations should be limited to approximately 10 minutes. The form of the presentation is entirely at your discretion and may include Power Point, video, handouts, etc. In order to coordinate introductions and audio-visual support requirements please contact Jim Springer at (801) 538-5324 at your earliest convenience.

Presentations begin at 8:00 a.m. and will proceed in the following order:

1. Bill Barrett Corp. - West Tavaputs Plateau
2. Interpace Holdings, LLC - Henefer Red Clay Mine
3. Newfield Exploration Co. - Pleasant Valley Farm
4. Simplot Phosphates, LLC - Vernal Phosphate Operation

Again, please accept our sincere appreciation of your efforts and for taking the time to submit your nomination and we look forward to hearing more about Newfield's accomplishments.

Very truly yours,

Douglas E. Johnson
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c: Tim Eaton, Newfield Exploration
1001 17th St., Suite 2000
Denver, CO 80202





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March 1, 2011

Mr. John Spencer
9401 N. Highway #191
Vernal, UT 84078

Dear Mr. Spencer;

Thank you for submitting Simplot Phosphates for consideration by the Utah Board of Oil, Gas and Mining for 2011 Earth Day Awards. The board reviewed your nomination during its February 23rd hearing and found it to be worthy of further consideration.

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Again, please accept our sincere appreciation of your efforts and for taking the time to submit your nomination and we look forward to hearing more about Simplot Phosphate's accomplishments.

Very truly yours,

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March 1, 2011

Mr. Jerry North
2983 West 8025 South
West Jordan, UT 84088

Dear Mr. North;

Thank you for submitting Interpace Holdings for consideration by the Utah Board of Oil, Gas and Mining for 2011 Earth Day Awards. The board reviewed your nomination during its February 23rd hearing and found it to be worthy of further consideration.

We invite a representative for this project to make a formal presentation before the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining during its hearing on March 23, 2011. The hearing will be held in the auditorium of the Utah Department of Natural Resources, 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. Presentations should be limited to approximately 10 minutes. The form of the presentation is entirely at your discretion and may include Power Point, video, handouts, etc. In order to coordinate introductions and audio-visual support requirements please contact Jim Springer at (801) 538-5324 at your earliest convenience.

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| 3. | Newfield Exploration Co. - | Pleasant Valley Farm |
| 4. | Simplot Phosphates, LLC - | Vernal Phosphate Operation |

Again, please accept our sincere appreciation of your efforts and for taking the time to submit your nomination and we look forward to hearing more about Interpace Holding's accomplishments.

Very truly yours,

Douglas E. Johnson
Chairman, Board of Oil, Gas & Mining

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c: Frank Andrews, Interpace Holdings
736 W. Harrisville Rd.
Ogden, UT 84404

